

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD AREA DEMS

AUGUST 18,2026

MINUTES

Chair, Debbie Rosenman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call:

Present:

Chair: Debbie Rosenman

Vice-Chair: Emery Pence

Treasurer: Libby Dzurka

Recording Secretary: Corinne Shoop

Trustee: Nessa Fuller

Absent:

Corresponding Secretary: Dave Goodman

Trustee: Rakesh Ramakrishnan

The agenda was accepted as posted without objection.

Chair Report:

The August Primary is behind us, and we are now moving forward toward the November elections. I urge everyone to come together to support the Democrats on our ballot and make this a wondrous 'blue wave!'

The alternative is simply unacceptable, as Republicans are in lock step with Trump and we have seen the extreme damage done under his regime. We are fighting on every front possible-the safety of our elections, our democratic rights, extreme harm to our environment, dismantling of support for our public schools, denial of accurate history, and so much more.

We MUST stand together to fight for our values!

Labor Day is upon us, and we are once again walking in the Franklin Labor Day Parade behind our club banner. JOIN US! There is a sign-up sheet at

the back table, so please sign up so we can email you the line-up location, scheduled for 11:30 am on Labor Day. We will be passing out our club cards and candy to the crowd on this short route. Thanks for your participation!

Later in the meeting, you will meet Avi, our One Team Organizer and I hope you will also sign up for our upcoming canvases to knock doors with partners to talk to voters about our November election. This is the first time we will be working with the One Team focusing on doors in our OWN club area. Consider joining us when Avi explains the plan.

As always, keep reading our bi-weekly newsletters where I post upcoming events.

We are in this together and when we work as a TEAM, we will win!

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Libby Dzurka gave her monthly report. There 2 accounts; the general account and the PAC account. The general account is used to pay for expenses to operate the club. We encourage donations to both accounts especially in an election year.

Committee Reports:

Political Organizing and Student Interns

Emery Pence is the chair of the political organizing committee. He advised that the post cards from the recent campaign are due September 21, 2026.

He is working to recruit new students for the intern program. Please contact him with any recommendations.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners, who represent the club area, gave a presentation regarding the projects that have been completed and that are

in the works. In attendance were Marcia Gershenson, Angela Powell, Linnie Taylor, and Chair Dave Woodward. They also discussed the challenges they face in working with the federal government and not wanting to jeopardize the federal funding that the county receives. They also encouraged anyone with questions about county programs and assistance to contact Oakland Connects 1-800-848-5533.

Candidates for Bloomfield Hills School Board addressed the group. (Paul Kolin, Tareq Falah, and Ryan Walker)

Candidates for the Birmingham School Board also addressed the group. (Omar Odeh, Keely Crimando, and Toni Bassett)

The newly elected precinct delegates were acknowledged and introduced.

Celebration of Precinct Delegates

I am calling Maureen Christiansen, one of our PD Liaisons, to help.

We are very proud of our precinct delegate team!

We had 130 precinct delegates voted into office on the August ballot, a significantly larger number than any other Dem club. As far as I know, we are the only club who also is so committed to doing relational organizing that we have assigned each PD a turf of several streets in their precinct. The intention is to encourage democratic voters to know their precinct delegate and be receptive to our Voter Guide which will be hand delivered to each of their doors. Due to the generosity of our members and our candidates, we will also have enough money to be able to mail our voter guide to all Democratic voters, with a score of 60% or higher, in our club area. That will allow us to reach those in apartments and inaccessible neighborhoods as well.

Precinct Delegates, we want to honor you tonight in front of our club. When I call your name, please come up to receive a few small gifts as our thanks.

(Call up by community.)

Let's give a hand to all our elected precinct delegates!

One more reminder...Precinct Delegates, be sure to read all emails coming from us, with PD MESSAGE, in the subject line. We will be giving you directions closer to the end of September.

Our heartfelt thanks again to all of you!

Avi Villalobos-Sharone is our local One Team Organizer. He introduced himself and invited attendees to join him to canvas in areas within the Club.

Charlie Carvell also spoke and invited attendees to attend the next Oakland County Board of Commissioners meetings to discuss various contracts wherein residents' information is shared.

Good and Welfare

Additional speakers spoke.

The next meeting is September 22 at Bloomfield Township Hall; 6:30 socializing with the meeting starting at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.